

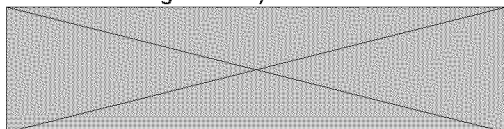
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Charles Koch posed for a portrait in California after his sit-down with The Post last week. (Photo by Patrick T. Fallon for The Washington Post)



THE BIG IDEA: Senate Majority PAC, the main outside group focused on trying to regain control of the upper chamber for Democrats, will begin running its first television ad of the 2016 cycle today. And it might look familiar: a narrator says GOP Sen. Kelly Ayotte puts the Koch brothers ahead of New Hampshire families.

The spot, which a source tracking the air war says is backed up by \$250,000, comes in response to a much larger buy that Americans for Prosperity, part of the Koch political network, placed against Ayotte's likely challenger last week. "Fifteen months before the election, yet the out-of-state oil billionaire Koch Brothers have already spent \$1.2 million dollars here in New Hampshire to keep Kelly Ayotte in the U.S. Senate," a narrator says. "And, back in Washington, Ayotte voted to protect huge tax breaks for the oil industry—costing taxpayers \$40 billion."

Democrats spent tens of millions of dollars last year on nearly 100 different commercials that similarly linked Republican candidates with Charles and David Koch. Majority Leader Harry Reid, who regularly railed against the brothers on the Senate floor, liked to say that the GOP was "addicted to Koch." When Reid became the minority leader, some questioned the wisdom of this line of attack.

But leading Democratic strategist insist that correlation is not causation: just because they ran lots of ads tying Republicans to special interests and then lost does not mean it's an ineffective attack. In fact, they believe that tying Scott Brown to the Koch's was integral to his narrow loss against Democratic Sen. Jeanne Shaheen in the Granite State. They point to several different surveys that show the charge is potent, especially when it comes to galvanizing the Democratic base.

With the Koch network aiming to spend \$889 million in advance of the next election, Democrats promise they will only amplify their criticism of the brothers.

Another outside group, American Bridge 21st Century, announced plans earlier this summer to spend heavily on efforts linking the presidential candidates with the Koch's. We'll monitor polling to see whether the new ad moves numbers.

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WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:

— **Hillary Clinton turned her private email server over to the FBI, trying to end the drip-drip-drip of criticism for keeping it.** Her campaign said last night that the former cabinet secretary released the server, along with a thumb drive that includes “thousands of emails” she already provided to the State Department, the Post’s Carol D. Leonnig, Tom Hamburger and Rosalind S. Helderman report. Clinton’s announcement followed the revelation that two Top-Secret emails traveled across the server, according to a top intelligence official. “The finding, contained in a letter sent to leaders of key oversight committees, marked the first indication from government officials that information regarded as top secret — the government’s highest category of security designation — may have passed across Clinton’s server while she led the State Department.” The disclosure ensures that congressional Republicans will keep this issue front-and-center beyond the fall.

— **A new Franklin Pierce University/Boston Herald survey shows Bernie Sanders now LEADING Hillary Clinton by 7 points in New Hampshire, 44 percent to 37 percent.** The survey of 442 Democratic primary voters was taken from Aug. 7-10 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.7 percent. The Herald notes that Sanders’ rise has been “meteoric”: He trailed Hillary by 37 points in March (44-8).

— **Meanwhile, Donald Trump is still ahead among GOP voters in New Hampshire and Republican caucus-goers in Iowa, but there are signs his support may be slipping.** According to the Herald poll of 447 Republican primary voters taken during the same time period as above, the race is very competitive. While Trump leads with 19 percent, Jeb Bush places second at 13 percent and John Kasich has moved up to third at 12 percent. Trump had a marked “very unfavorable” rating at 32 percent. In Iowa, Suffolk found Trump leading the field with 17 percent, followed by Scott Walker with 12 percent and Marco Rubio

with 10 percent. But of those likely GOP caucus-goers who watched the debate, Trump and Walker were tied at 14 percent. Suffolk surveyed 500 likely caucus-goers from Aug. 7 to 10 with a 4.4 percent margin of error.

— **Trump focused his ire on China during an appearance in Michigan last night:** “Devalue means: suck the blood out of the United States,” he told a crowd of 2,800. It came at the end of a day in which he tried to look more substantive, saying he wants to simplify the tax code before trying to create a flat tax. He also said that he would consider *partly* defunding Planned Parenthood, and that on abortion he supports exceptions for rape and incest.

([realdonaldtrump](#))

— **Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) completed five straight days of round-the-clock chemotherapy, his third round, marking the halfway point in his treatment for stage 3 non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma.** He posted this picture with his wife on Facebook last night:

— **Greece and its creditors reached an accord on its three-year bailout, with a vote now scheduled for late Thursday.** Meanwhile, the European immigration crisis has worsened, as police beat migrants on the Greek Island of Kos with truncheons and sprayed them with fire extinguishers. The Guardian has a helpful explainer about what to make of the brewing tensions here.

GET SMART FAST:

1. An international hacking ring pocketed more than \$100 million from illicit trades over the past five years, federal investigators allege. ([Drew Harwell](#))
2. Five employees at the **GAO**, including an outgoing Prince George’s County school board member, were indicted for fraudulently reporting their incomes so that their kids could qualify for discounted meals offered by the government.
3. The **ACLU** won a constitutional challenge to strike down New Hampshire’s law banning photographs of ballots. A federal judge said it restricts free speech to prevent people from taking selfies in the polling place; elections officials warn that the sanctity of the secret ballot is in jeopardy. ([Union Leader](#))
4. **Amnesty International** voted to support the decriminalization of prostitution at its biennial meeting in Dublin. ([The Independent](#))
5. The **FDA** warned a Canadian pharmaceutical company that **Kim Kardashian’s** posts on Instagram and Facebook touting its prescription drug for morning sickness are “false and misleading” while omitting the side effects. A few hours later, the reality star (who is pregnant and on their payroll) deleted them. ([USA Today](#))

6. Colorado's congressional delegation called on **EPA** chief Gina McCarthy to come visit the scene of the Animas River disaster that her agency caused, as Republican Sen. Cory Gardner called for hearings. In good news, the color of the water is starting to return to normal. ([Denver Post](#))
7. "At least one former or current member of the Baltimore Police Department has been 'actively working' with defense attorneys for the six officers charged in the arrest and death of **Freddie Gray**, according to prosecutors — leaking them an 'arsenal of material' to use in a 'campaign of public-relations warfare,'" the [Sun](#) reports.
8. Bolivia's leftist president, **Evo Morales**, [announced](#) that he wants to restore normal ties with the U.S., citing the improved American relationships with Cuba and Iran.
9. Season 5 of **Homeland**, pulling out of the Middle East and relocating to Germany, will take on Vladimir Putin, ISIS and Edward Snowden, Showtime's president told TV critics. ([Entertainment Weekly](#))

POWER PLAYERS IN THE NEWS:

1. **John Kerry** knows it is "very likely" that Russia and China are reading his emails. "I certainly write them with that awareness," the Secretary of State told [CBS](#).
2. **Chuck Schumer** has spoken by phone with between 20 to 30 Senate Democrats since coming out against the Iran deal. Members he's spoken with tell [Politico](#) that he's being careful not to lobby against the deal.
3. **Jeb Bush** [called](#) for a no-fly zone over Syria last night and said "more" than 3,500 U.S. ground troops "may well be needed" in Iraq. George W. Bush's brother, speaking at the Reagan Library, endorsed deploying U.S. troops to work more closely with Iraqi forces, including as forward air spotters to help identify air raid sites. (The full transcript of the speech is [here](#).)
4. **Hillary** met privately with five Black Lives Matter protesters in New Hampshire for 15 minutes yesterday afternoon. The activists planned to disrupt her forum, focused on substance abuse, but they told the [New Republic](#) ahead of time (!) and then showed up too late to get past security.
5. **Clinton's** campaign also announced plans to visit Puerto Rico on Sept. 4 in order to offer support for letting the island declare Chapter 9 bankruptcy, an issue she avoided taking a position on until default was imminent and it was no longer politically courageous. Jeb, who endorsed the Chapter 9 option before Clinton, has already campaigned in Puerto Rico. ([NBC](#))
6. Former New Hampshire Attorney General **Tom Rath**, one of the most sought after endorsers in the GOP primary, [signed on](#) with **John Kasich**. It is a meaningful blow for Jeb, who most Granite State insiders expected he would eventually get behind.
7. Ex-Rep. **Carol Shea-Porter** (D-N.H.) [announced](#) she'll run for her old seat, potentially setting up her fourth race in a row against now embattled Republican Rep. **Frank Guinta**.
8. **Chris Christie** has signed the no-new-taxes pledge, Americans for Tax

Reform's **Grover Norquist** announced at 5 a.m.

9. **Ted Cruz** promised CNN he will release the names of all his bundlers, joining Jeb and Walker. The Texas senator campaigned in Mississippi yesterday with **Chris McDaniel**, who nearly defeated incumbent **Thad Cochran** in last year's primary.
10. The 4th Circuit rejected **Bob McDonnell's** request to have the entire court reconsider his case. That means the Supreme Court is the only option that the former governor has left, and it looks increasingly likely he'll need to pursue that recourse from behind bars. (Matt Zapotosky)
11. **Jim Gilmore**, the former governor of Virginia, is the only Republican of the 17 declared candidates who has not qualified to appear during one of the two debates CNN is hosting next month at the Reagan Library. Gilmore needs an average of 1 percent in three polls to score an invite.
12. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit will hear oral arguments on Oct. 7 in the case of whether or not **Larry Craig**, the former Idaho senator, needs to repay the government \$243,000 for using campaign money to pay lawyers related to his disorderly conduct in a Minnesota airport bathroom. (Roll Call)

WAPO HIGHLIGHTS:

— “Democrats target Virginia as they push to break down voting restrictions,” by Rachel Weiner: “According to voting rights activists, 15 states with 162 electoral votes face new voting restrictions in 2016. Because of a 2013 Supreme Court decision overturning part of the 50-year-old Voting Rights Act, next year's presidential election will be the first in which Southern states, including Virginia, will not be required to have election-law changes approved by federal authorities... In Virginia... Democrats are working closely with their national counterparts to expand the electorate — testing ways, for instance, to work around voter-identification laws, narrower voting windows and other restrictions generally backed by Republicans.”

— “Super PACs throw lifelines to candidates scrambling for cash,” by Matea Gold and Philip Rucker: “If this were any other election cycle, Rick Perry would have reached the end of his presidential bid this week when his campaign nearly ran out of cash... Perry's White House hopes will now live on a little longer, as a result of a trio of cash-rich independent groups... ‘We saw this coming,’ said Austin Barbour, senior adviser to the Opportunity and Freedom PACs, which have begun building their own field operation in Iowa — a task typically handled by campaigns. ‘We knew we would have to do more than just paid media and there's nothing in the playbook that says we can't do that.’”

SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

— **SIGNAL VISUAL:** With our report yesterday that Cruz is going after Rand supporters, here's a state-by-state breakdown comparing total mentions of the two

candidates across social media. Cruz has the advantage just about everywhere – except Paul’s home state of Kentucky and New Hampshire, according to our analytics partners at Signal Labs:

Judging by the word clouds for the two candidates, Cruz is doing a better job of driving the conversation on his terms. The Texan’s bus tour – and an ad in Iowa promising to defund Planned Parenthood – are dominating his cloud. Paul’s chatter is dominated by He Who Dominates All Presidential Chatter (Rand has relished his fight with The Donald):

–WHAT EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT:

Pictures of the day:

Comedian Sarah Silverman tweeted that she was “so proud” to introduce Bernie Sanders at his Los Angeles rally on Monday night:

([@SarahKSilverman](#))

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is greeted by members of the North Korea women’s soccer team:

([@annafifield](#))

A local angler shows off the 17.47 pound snakehead he caught with a bow and arrow in the Potomac this weekend:

([@DCist](#))

Tweets of the day:

Stephen Colbert booked Jeb for his debut show on CBS. Ratings are likely to be really high because of network promotion and post-Labor Day interest in what he’s all about. The conversation with Bush will be a great window into how much he’s changed since leaving Comedy Central and giving up his faux-conservative character:

.[@JebBush](#) will be on [#LSSC](#) Sept. 8! My first GOP candidate! Luckily I do 200 shows a year, so I think I can fit them all.

— Stephen Colbert ([@StephenAtHome](#)) [August 11, 2015](#)

Scott Walker became the latest GOP candidate to criticize Hillary on higher education policy on Twitter (read about Bush and Clinton trolling each other [here](#)):

[.@HillaryClinton](#) I've frozen in-state tuition rates for four years, while you charged colleges \$225K+ just to show up. -SW

— Scott Walker (@ScottWalker) [August 11, 2015](#)

Clinton hit back later in the day:

Republicans like Gov. Walker are making it harder to afford college & pay off debt. Hillary says that's wrong—watch: <https://t.co/5MUicqTUTm>

— Hillary Clinton (@HillaryClinton) [August 11, 2015](#)

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) saw Hamilton, an acclaimed hip-hop musical about Alexander Hamilton, on Broadway. “Loved every minute of it,” she tweeted, with this picture of the show’s creator, Lin-Manuel Miranda:

[\(@SenGillibrand\)](#)

Rep. Bradley Byrne (R-Ala.), part of a congressional delegation visiting Israel ahead of votes on the Iran nuclear deal, stopped by the Western Wall. “I took time to pray ... for the future of our country and our Israeli allies,” he wrote:

[\(@RepByrne\)](#)

Instagrams of the day:

Jeb joked about his status in the Republican presidential race. “I met a fellow joyful tortoise on my way to the Reagan Library,” he wrote:

[\(jebbush\)](#)

On the campaign trail, Cruz helped a couple of supporters celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary:

[\(cruzforpresident\)](#)

Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-Ohio) remembered the 50th anniversary of the Watts riots. “As unrest continues to unfold in Ferguson, Missouri, Cleveland, Ohio, and cities across the nation, we are reminded of how far we have to go to achieve equality and fairness for everyone,” she wrote:

GOOD READS FROM ELSEWHERE:

— **Wall Street Journal**, **“Former top Clinton fundraiser says, ‘I was greedy.’”**
by Ianthe Jeanne Dugan: Norman Hsu, ex-top bundler for Hillary Clinton is “holed up in a federal penitentiary [in Milan, Mich.] on charges of operating a Ponzi scheme and breaking campaign finance laws...He passes time reading about politics...he has no Internet access—and teaching inmates about it. In 2012, he said he walked his students through the national elections and predicted winners. He claims he was correct 96% of the time...In one of his classes he screened the documentary “Recount”... “Gore didn’t raise enough money,” Mr. Hsu laments. He said he would continue supporting candidates—if only he could. ‘In here,’ he said, ‘there are no favors you can do.’

— **Boston Globe**, **“Specifics on Clinton policies have been slow to emerge,”**
by Annie Linskey: “Does she support the trans-Pacific trade deal? Under certain circumstances. Reinstating the Glass-Steagall Act that separated commercial and investment banks? She’s going to talk about it — at some point. Building the Keystone XL pipeline? She said weighing in wouldn’t be responsible given her previous involvement on the issue. A carbon tax? The revolving door between Wall Street and regulators? Nothing. And nothing.”

— **Los Angeles Times**, **“California gives immigrants here illegally unprecedented rights, benefits, protections”** **by Melanie Mason:** “It started with in-state tuition. Then came driver’s licenses, new rules designed to limit deportations and state-funded healthcare for children. And on Monday, in a gesture heavy with symbolism, came a new law to erase the word ‘alien’ from California’s labor code...these piecemeal measures have taken on a significance greater than their individual parts...The various benefits, rights and protections add up to something experts liken to a kind of California citizenship. ‘We’ve passed the Rubicon here,’ said Mike Madrid, a Republican strategist. ‘This is not an academic debate on the U.S. Senate floor about legal and illegal and how high you want to build the wall.... [The state] doesn’t have the luxury of being ideological.... The undocumented are not going anywhere.’”

— **The Democratic parties in four states have now voted to change the name of their annual “Jefferson-Jackson” dinner: Iowa, Georgia, Connecticut and Missouri.** “At least five other states are considering the same change,” Jonathan Martin reports in the New York Times. “For all the attention this summer to the fight over the Confederate battle flag, the less noticed moves by Democratic parties to remove Jefferson and Jackson from their official identity underscore one of the most consequential trends of American politics: Democrats’ shift from a union-powered party organized primarily around economic solidarity to one shaped by racial and sexual identity.”

- **Some pushback that has been largely absent from the conversation thus far:** “The move to erase Jefferson and Jackson is not being welcomed by all Democrats. Some of them fear the party loses what has long been its unifying philosophy by removing the names of founders, whose virtues and flaws illuminated the way forward. And they worry that as the labor movement declines, cultural liberalism is beginning to eclipse a fundamental message of economic equality that brought about some of the party’s most important achievements, from the New Deal to Medicaid.”
- **Useful historical context:** “It is partly because of the efforts of Democratic presidents that Jefferson and Jackson enjoy the standing they do. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the father of modern economic liberalism, was particularly devoted to elevating the two men, rushing to complete the Jefferson Memorial so his party could have a monument to compete with the Republicans’ Lincoln Memorial. And it was the house intellectual of the Kennedy clan, Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., who did so much to restore Jackson with his seminal biography, ‘The Age of Jackson.’ In more recent times, Bill Clinton memorably began his presidency with a pre-inaugural trip to Monticello and Mr. Obama took the president of France there last year.”

HOT ON THE LEFT

Lowe’s shopper gets white driver after refusing black man. From *The Washington Post*: “A black delivery driver for a Lowe’s home improvement store in Virginia said a white woman in late July refused to let him into her home with her delivery because he’s black. So, he said, his employer replaced him with a white driver. ‘I got a phone call on the phone telling me to bring the delivery back. Saying that I couldn’t do the delivery,’ Marcus Bradley told WSET ... ‘I asked him why I couldn’t do it and he said because you’re black and they don’t want you at the house.’”

HOT ON THE RIGHT

Gold King Mine spill exposes Obama hypocrisy, critics say. From *The Washington Times*: “The political fallout from last week’s toxic spill at Colorado’s Gold King Mine intensified [this week], with critics saying the incident has exposed clear hypocrisy within the Obama administration while threatening the credibility of the Environmental Protection Agency at a crucial moment. Other than express outrage as it has done in the wake of previous environmental disasters, the White House would not comment on the spill and instead directed all questions to the embattled EPA.”

DAYBOOK:

–**What’s happening today on the campaign trail:** Jeb Bush will campaign in Reno and North Las Vegas, Nevada. Ted Cruz will campaign in Little Rock and

Russellville, Arkansas as part of his multi-state bus tour. John Kasich will hold events in Derry and Belmont, New Hampshire. Rand Paul will campaign in Swanzey, Keene, Peterborough and Nashua, New Hampshire. Bobby Jindal will attend a breakfast in Urbandale, Iowa. Mike Huckabee will stop in Bettendorf, Winterset and Waukee, Iowa. Rick Santorum will hold events in Elk Horn and Des Moines, Iowa.

—On the Hill: Both chambers are in recess.

—At the White House: President Obama is on vacation in Martha's Vineyard.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"I spent 35 years in the corroded rectum of the two-party system." — Former Trump adviser Roger Stone in an interview with NBC's "Today" show

NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:

— **Goodbye rain risk, and humidity. Hello lots of sunshine!** "We may still be dealing with some post-frontal clouds in the morning," the Capital Weather Gang forecasts. "A northwest wind around 5-10 mph keeps transporting in drier air. That means mostly sunny skies plus highs mainly in the low-to-mid 80s. A beauty of a day."

— **The Nationals lost 5-0 to the Dodgers in Los Angeles.**

— **Local crime:** A security guard at the Macy's connected to Metro Center was stabbed in the shoulder by an apparent shoplifter at 3:45 p.m. yesterday. The suspect, who fled on the Metro, was later arrested at Union Station. The guard, at GWU hospital, should be okay.

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Watch a time-lapse video of work in the Capitol rotunda:

([U.S. Capitol](#))

Watch Rick Perry's new animated video targeting Clinton, taking low-budget to a new level:

([Governor Rick Perry](#))

Watch Jimmy Fallon spoof Donald Trump in the wake of the "blood" controversy:

([The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon](#))

Watch Conan O'Brien imagine the latest frontier in Trump branding:

([Team Coco](#))

A candidate for parliament in Canada posted [the most insane campaign ad of the year](#), featuring a giant duck, a dragon and a robot. Watch [here](#).

Finally, a cool summer activity to wake your kids up for: “Barring cloudy skies, this week’s Perseid meteor shower may be a classic, excellent show. The shooting star spectacle peaks on the night of Wednesday into Thursday morning, with as many as 90 to 100 shooting stars an hour, according to the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada and the Royal Astronomical Society in the U.K. In the eastern U.S., the most prolific cosmic bombardment will likely be around 4 a.m. Eastern time.” Here are some helpful [tips on how to watch/where to look](#) tonight. And here’s a cool photo from Europe that just hit the wire:

A meteor streaks across the sky during the Perseid meteor shower near Kraljevine on mountain Smetovi in the early morning of August 12. (Reuters/Dado Ruvic)

Bonus: Check out the [stunning images](#) that won the National Geographic Traveler photo contest.

